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Contrary to earlier reports, Khmer Communist gunners inflicted major damage on the Mekong River convoy on February 18. One barge carrying 1,200 tons of howitzer ammunition was partially sunk on the lower Mekong. Another ammunition barge was also badly damaged but made it to Phnom Penh early today. This was the most effective Communist action along the river in the current dry season. More government reinforcements moved south across the Prek Thnaot River yesterday but the government operations east of Route 3 made only slight gains. The city's northwestern front was quiet. Communist prisoners confirm that insurgent units in the northwest have suffered heavy casualties.

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